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**Jewish Federation of Springfield (Ill.)
Records, 1935-2019**

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Organization and Governance

Organization and Governance includes materials that provide insight into how the administrative office of the Jewish Federation of Springfield (JFS) functioned and some of their priorities. These materials include budget documents, employee insurance plans, and certificates and honors commemorating JFS's community involvement.

Box 1

Budget materials and newspaper clipping, 1966-1969
Certificates and commemorative materials, 1982 and circa 2008

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City of Springfield Lenore Loeb Day Proclamation, May 1990

Box 1 (cont.)

Group disability income and life insurance plans, circa 1980s and 1990s
Springfield Jewish Community long-term plan, 2002
Committee list and brochure 2004-2005

Board Records

JFS Board records include board meeting minutes, related budget materials, annual meeting programs, correspondence, and board reports.

1941, 1943-1944, 1948-1949, 1991
1950-1959
1960, 1963-1969
1961-1962
1970-1974
1975-1976
1979
Board member roster, minutes, correspondence 1999-2000

Programs and Initiatives

Programs and Initiatives consist of materials from significant Jewish Federation of Springfield fundraising campaigns and local and international initiatives. This includes the Soviet

Resettlement campaign (a campaign that fundraised for the immigration of Soviet Jews to Springfield, Illinois, and elsewhere), Israel Bond campaigns, as well as responses to former U.S. Congressman Paul Findley's criticisms of Israel.

Soviet Resettlement Records

Correspondence and fundraising initiatives documents, 1981-1985, 1989-1991, 2007

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Newspaper copies and fundraising initiative documents, circa 1980-2000s

Box 1 (cont.)

Correspondence and newspaper clippings, 1981-1983

Part A

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Part B

Box 1 (cont.)

Refusenik faculty appointment SIU, 1983

"By Spirit Alone" exhibit mixed materials, 1984

Soviet Jewry Rally and related material, February 1987, 1997

Photographs and photographs copies, 1987, 1991, 1992, 1994, undated

United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Operation Exodus mixed material, 1990

Part A

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Part B

Box 1 (cont.)

Correspondence and related documents, 1990

Wedding invites and thank you card proofs, 1994

Wedding planning documents and newspaper coverage, 1994

Wedding news clippings, invitation, and folder with description, 1994

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Yearbook, 2006

Israel Bonds

Campaign photographs, 1977

Notebook, 1978-1980

Springfield Tribute Dinner itinerary, 1981

News coverage and response to neo-Nazi march in Skokie, Illinois, 1978

Mixed materials, 1980, 1987, 2006

Paul Weil correspondence and newspaper clippings and photocopies, 1980s - 1990s

Paul Findley

These materials include editorials from former United States Representative Paul Findley that criticized Israel and responses sent to the JFS by Jewish community member, Paul Weil. Weil was a survivor of the Holocaust and was an advocate for peace in the Middle East. Findley represented the 20th district of Illinois (which was eliminated after the 2000 census) from 1961 to 1983.

Correspondence and newspaper clippings, circa 1980-2000

Newspapers and correspondence, 1986, 1990s, 2000

Jewish Community Relations Council Correspondence 1985
 Correspondence and newspaper clippings and photocopies, circa 1995-1996
 Findley interview, November 2001

External Organizations

One of the Jewish Federation of Springfield's (JFS) core values is support of external Jewish organizations. These materials show how JFS was embedded in Springfield and the area's Jewish community through reciprocal relationships. Additionally, JFS volunteers and leadership were involved with other Jewish organizations. Dorothy Wolfson, JFS Executive Director of 27 years, was active in B'nai B'rith and Hadassah and the 1960 Hadassah New Years Greeting utilized JFS's mailing list.

Temple Brith Sholom anniversary history, 1935, 1983
 Congregation Bnai Abraham Synagogue News, 1946
 B'nai Brith
 Assorted programs, 1941-1953
 Anniversary programs, 1957-1986
 Anniversary programs, 1989-1991

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Script ("The Wedding Business" by Sara and Annette Feuer), 1953

Box 1 (cont.)

Hadassah New Years Booklet, 1960, 1961
 Central Illinois Jewish Federation board records, 1970, 1974
 University of Illinois Springfield (formerly Sangamon State) Louis Schwartz oral history transcript, 1973
 Quincentennial Foundation of Istanbul curriculum, 1992
 Israel trip photo essay document and compact disc, 2007

Publications

This series contains newsletters, brochures, and booklets published by the Jewish Federation of Springfield (JFS) and those JFS subscribed to. Internal brochures, booklets, and flyers contain materials about JFS's history, membership, and events. Booklets and brochures from external organizations include informational and fundraising brochures about Israel from between 1967 and 2007. Postcards internal and external consist of postcards with fundraising initiatives from JFS and pro-Israel content. The newspapers section of the series includes newspaper coverage of American Jewish life, contemporary events in Israel and the Middle East, Holocaust remembrance, and the resettlement of Soviet Jewish refugees. There are also newspapers from federations across the country.

Newsletters

"Federation News," April 1983
 "Shalom Springfield," 2011-2019

Internal brochures, booklets, and flyers

The Federation Story, 1967, 1970
 50th Anniversary material, 1991, 1992

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"Anniversary" music score for the Jewish Federation, 1993

Box 1 (cont.)

Directory of Springfield Jewish Federation, 1994, 1998

Program flyers, 1997, 2000, 2004, 2006, and undated

Campaign Invitations, 2007-2012, 1995

Film screening flyers for "Rosenwald" and "Strange Fruit," 2017, 2019

Booklets and brochures from external organizations, 1967-2007 and undated

Postcards internal and external, circa 2002, 2008, and undated

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Newspapers

Jewish Community Journal, 1979

The State Journal Register clippings and supplements

September 1981 (photocopy)

January 1992

October 2011 (First Citizen Award supplement)

August 1994 (photocopy)

Undated (photocopy)

State Journal Register, Springfield Sun, and Jewish Community Journal
clippings, 1957 to 1973

Assorted

Chavurah

March 1990

December 1992

February 1993

March 1993

L'Chayim, May 1998 (Front page is reproduction of front page of *The
Palestine Post* on May 16, 1948)

Martyrdom and Resistance, March-April 1998

The Jewish Week, December 1994-January 1995

Illinois Times

August 1981 (2 copies, 1 photocopy)

May 1984

August 1985

May 1990 (includes 2 copies, supplemental, and photocopy)

January 1992 (includes supplemental)

The Record

1978

1980

1981

1997

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State Journal Register

July 1990

April 1996

June 2000
 July 2001
 September 2001 (multiple, including laminated copy)
 The New York Times, May 1948 (reproduction)
 The Chicago Tribune, June 1967 (2 issues)
 Daily Pantagraph, June 1967 (clipping)
 Outlook: Judaism's Next Century (South Florida Sun Sentinel)
 October 2005
 November 2005 (2 issues)

Box 1

Artifacts and visual material

This series includes a Jewish Federations North America tote bag, photographs from JFS initiatives and community events, and poster boards with images and text to visually tell JFS's history.

Federation and external organization event photographs, undated and circa 1970

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Jewish Federations North America tote bag, circa 2014 (received containing issues of the
 JFS Monthly Newsletter, which are listed in the Publication series)
 Scrapbook pages, undated and circa 1970

Box 2

Yom HaShoah Old State Capital service, undated
 Kibbutz Kulanu and related photographs (found together in picture frame), 2008-2011
 Miscellaneous Federation photographs, undated

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Federation History Photo Collage poster board, undated (1 of 3)

Oversize folder 003

Federation History Photo Collage poster board, undated (2 of 3)

Oversize folder 004

Federation History Photo Collage poster board, undated (3 of 3)

Oversize folder 005

Federation History Photo Collage poster board, 1994-1995